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Subject: RE: USEPA Letter?
Date: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 3:49:00 PM

Sai,

It may be an official letter notifying the state that EPA plans to propose the San Mateo Creek Basin site to NPL. EPA will need a letter from the Governor and the Governor's office is seeking input from the Counties and Cities involved, including Grants. Apparently, someone (from the state?) provided Grants with a map of the area of interest for the proposed NPL site. The news about the proposed listing is out now and we might get some calls. Homestake now knows, if they did not already.

Kevin told us today that we may be getting calls from companies, residents or other stakeholders about this proposed listing and that we should defer all legal calls to Pam Travis and all calls about listing to Brenda Cook.

From: Appaji, Sairam
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Subject: FW: USEPA Letter?

Hi Mark,
Do you know anything about the letter that Bernadette is talking about?

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Good afternoon Sairam,

Hope your holiday was great!

In the article below it indicates USEPA provided a letter to NMED. Would you send

me a copy of the letter referenced?

Thank you,
Bernadette

EPA wants to list New Mexico creek basin as cleanup priority

GRANTS, N.M. (AP) — Federal environmental regulators want to add a northwestern New Mexico creek basin in an area with a history of uranium mining to a list of priorities for cleanup.

The Gallup Independent reports the Environmental Protection Agency is seeking concurrence from the state and local governments to add the San Mateo Creek Basin in McKinley and Cibola counties to the Superfund National Priorities List.

The basin comprises approximately 321 square miles (831 sq. kilometers) within the Rio San Jose drainage basin, which contains numerous legacy uranium mines.

Water from many of the mines was discharged into San Mateo Creek.

A Nov. 16 EPA letter to the New Mexico Environment Department says there's evidence that hazardous substances have impacted private drinking water wells and threaten to impact public water supplies.

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